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Britain Plans Sharp Check

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LONDON —(UPI)— Britain's Secret Service Monday faced a rigorous checkup following the disclosure that a former top intelligence official and Britain's top link with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, had been a Russian spy for 34 years.

John Philby told radio and television audiences that his father, Harold (Kim) Philby, who vanished from Beirut four years ago while working as a newspaper correspondent, told him recently in Moscow he had been

a spy for the Russians since 1933.

It was reported that Kim Philby, now 55, was recruited by Soviet intelligence only a few months after he left Cambridge University. He later became a senior officer in British intelligence.

Informed sources said that Philby recruited Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean as Soviet agents in 1938 while they were working for the British Foreign Service and he tipped them off that they had been discovered. Burgess and MacLean defected in 1951. MacLean still lives in Moscow. Burgess died there.

Philby visited his father in Moscow recently.

Philby said his father is now working in Moscow as a journalist and is "free for the first time in 34 years to think and speak freely and being rewarded excellently for those many years' service to communism."